

REMARKS

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-14 are presently pending in the application. The status of the claims is as follows:

Claims 1-14 have been subjected to a restriction requirement in the present Office Action.

Restriction Requirement

The Office Action sets forth a requirement under 35 U.S.C. § 121 for an election of a single one of the following groups of claims:

- I. Claims 1-3, 6-8, 12, and 13 are drawn to a product involving gearing, rack and pinion, classified in class 74, subclass 422.
- II. Claims 4, 5, 9-11, and 14 are drawn to a method of mechanical manufacture, metal forming with non-metallic bonding, classified in class 29, subclass 469.5.

Applicants hereby elect group I (claims 1-3, 6-8, 12, and 13) without traverse and without prejudice for the filing of a divisional application.

CONCLUSION


In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, this application is considered to be in condition for allowance, and an early reconsideration and a Notice of Allowance are earnestly solicited.

If an extension of time is required to enable this document to be timely filed and there is no separate Petition for Extension of Time filed herewith, this document is to be construed as also constituting a Petition for Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)

for a period of time sufficient to enable this document to be timely filed. Any other fee required by this document pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17, other than the issue fee, and not submitted herewith should be charged to Sidley Austin Brown & Wood LLP Deposit Account No. 18-1260. Any refund should be credited to the same account.

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